REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that all claims 1, 3-9, 11-18, and 20 substantively define over the prior art. The Office Action, however, tentatively rejected these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. In response, Applicant has amended the claims to address and overcome these rejections, thereby placing the application in condition for allowance. Specifically, the Office Action stated that it was unclear which tool was a reticle. Applicant has amended the claims to specify that each of the first, second and third tools are reticles. Accordingly, the rejections should be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and the timely allowance of claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this submission. If, however, any fee is believed to be due, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to deposit account No. 20-0778.

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